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**In re prior application of:** Richard Liu et al.

**Application No.:** 10/826,052

**Group No.:** 1621

**Filed:** April, 15, 2004

**Examiner:** Elvis O. Price

**For:** Method for Purifying Spent Acid

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**RESPONSE**

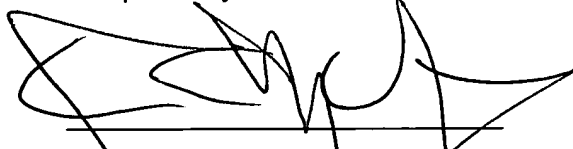
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Claims 1-20 of the present application stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 9-11 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,818,799.

Applicant provides herewith a *Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a "Prior" Patent* disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application which would extend beyond the expiration of the full statutory period of U.S. Patent No. 6,818,799, which should overcome the rejection.

Applicant submits that all claims in the present application should now be in condition for allowance and requests that the examiner now allow claims 1-20 in the present application.

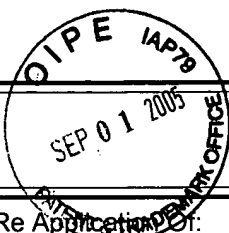
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Title: **METHOD FOR PURIFYING SPENT ACID**

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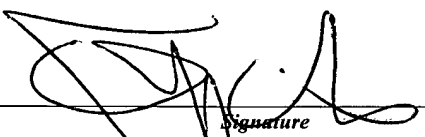
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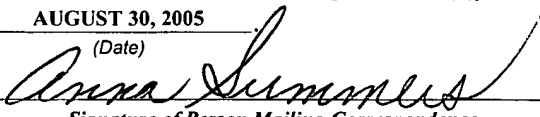
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